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## Trifles.

First impressions are generally lasting. The dweller upon the vast prairies of the West, looks with surprise, not unmixed with awe, upon the glorious mountains with their vast masses covered with beautiful green. The first days of spring are a welcome relief after the depressing chill of winter. Nature wakens the weary worker to rest and new life. The sight of the green trees and greener grass, the cool and delightful shade, is the true stimulant for the nerves and digestion. Of elms, many fine rows are found in our village. Single specimens too, are not wanting, whose history, if written would recall the loving care of the earnest workers of the past. A finer park than marks the center of our village is seldom found within the limits of country town. Its turf of living green, with the overhanging elms, teach many a lesson upon the value of arboriculture and gardening. The charm of country life is not in grand houses, or stately buildings, but in the glimpses of nature which peep out at us from the roadside and in the green fields. To have these, without the inconveniences of bad roads, bad walks, dark streets, and bad drainage, is to have a home in the country without its annoyances.

This is a trouble and a care. Walks will not make themselves. Grass and weeds will grow where they should not; and trees will not get themselves planted for nothing nor grow in a month or year. Neither have we reached that land where Road Boards do not tear up and destroy. Yet after all by these evidences of theft and care are we judged. He who runs through a village may read the signs which tell of industry or laziness, which make or mar the reputation of the village longing for more and better neighbors.

Alas that it is so—for signs are not only read—but they are red, white, blue and yellow also, as they hang from the bark of our stateliest and grandest elms, which lift their heads aloft as if in disdain of such Peckshillian economy. Bad enough is it to be bored with chairs and cars, hats, elephants, and staring signs upon fences, barns, and street corners, but the trees—God never made them for such uses, but “man hath wrought out many inventions.” In the opinion of not a few the time has come for increased tidiness about our streets and walks. New fences, better walks, clean gutters, handsome trees, free from signs of wood, rags, or paper—these may be trifles, but they are such trifles as make the sum of village pride and happiness. The business-man who will not suffer you to talk nonsense with him in business hours should have too much good sense to thrust his card in the face of his friend at home.

Small sands the mountain, moments make the year.”

## Senator Logan.

The long contest over the election of a Senator from Illinois is at length ended and John A. Logan has again been chosen to represent the State in the Senate for the next six years. The circumstances of the struggle are without parallel in the history of the country, and they have been watched with eager interest by members of both parties.

Death has been a potent factor in hastening a conclusion, and it is singular to reflect upon its agency in the matter. The legislature contained two hundred and four members, equally divided between the two parties. Many ballots were taken, but of course it was impossible to give either candidate a majority. Then one of the Democratic members died, but his party elected his successor and the situation remained unchanged. The death of a Republican followed, but a Republican took his place. Afterwards another Democrat died who had been elected from a district which gave him a majority so great that it seemed

hopeless to contest the election of his successor.

The Republicans made no nomination in that district and allowed the Democrats to suppose they meant to let the matter go by default, and their opponents fell into the snare set before them and only a small portion of their party voted. Late in the afternoon the Republicans turned out in force and thus succeeded in electing their man and securing a majority of both houses on joint ballot.

The election of Logan is a personal triumph for the man, because it was in the power of any one of the Republican members to have defeated or postponed his election. Senator Logan deserved to succeed, for his conduct during the last campaign proved that he is one of our ablest and most trusty leaders and his experience in public affairs is of the greatest benefit to his party.

Some criticism has been made upon the views expressed by us last week in regard to matters relating to the Fire Department. It is alleged that the position we have taken is not sufficiently definite. We are at a loss to see any ground for this assertion. We stated that we disapproved the action of the majority of the Township Committee in summarily rescinding the recognition of the Fire Association, but since this action has been taken and is apparently final, we think the public interests will be served best by accepting that action and aiding them to form a new Department to be under the control of township officers. A faction's resistance will benefit no one and would tend to convince the public that the Fire Association were not activated by public spirit to the extent with which they are now universally credited.

Lundborg's Perfume, Eliza. Lundborg's Perfume, Marshal Neil Rose. Lundborg's Perfume, Alpine Violet. Lundborg's Perfume, Lily of the Valley.

## TIME TABLES.

Carefully compiled up to date.

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Baylor and Christopher Street, Newark.

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